

In the Claims

1. A component for receiving a portion of a plurality of horizontally extending siding strips in a siding system for covering a substantially flat or planar wall of a building or dwelling, comprising: *61 line 5-6*

an elongated body for abutting against the substantially planar wall, said body including first and second receivers projecting in opposite directions, each for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of horizontally extending siding strips along the substantially planar wall. *61 line 57-58*

2. The siding system component according to claim 1, further including an integral fastener receiving section adjacent to each receiver in abutment with the wall. *112*

3. The siding system component according to claim 2, further including an outwardly bowed portion integrally connected to a portion of each of said receivers.

4. The siding system component according to claim 3, wherein said outwardly bowed portion includes indicia to simulate the appearance of a vertically extending log.

5. The siding system component according to claim 1, wherein each receiver is substantially U-shaped and includes a first wall for at least partially covering the end of the corresponding horizontally extending siding strip.

6. The siding system component according to claim 1, wherein each

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13V. 12. The siding system according to claim 11, wherein the first and second siding strips are positioned in substantially the same vertical plane. colored red

13. The siding system according to claim 11, wherein the first and second siding strips are positioned in substantially the same horizontal plane. colored blue

X 14. The siding system according to claim 11, wherein each receiver is substantially U-shaped and includes:

a first wall for at least partially covering the end of the corresponding horizontally extending siding strip;

an end wall connected to said first wall; and

a fastener receiving portion connected to said end wall for abutting with the wall of the building or dwelling.

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X 15. The siding system according to claim 14, further including at least one fastener for fastening each said fastener receiving section to the wall.

Sub 95 16. The siding system component according to claim 14, wherein the first wall of each said receiver is integrally connected to an end of an outwardly bowed portion that simulates the appearance of a log or timber.

102 17. A method for installing a plurality of horizontally extending siding strips on a wall, comprising:

vertically orienting an elongated siding component having first and second opposed receivers adjacent to the wall;

inserting a first end of a first one of said plurality of horizontally

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~~extending siding strip in one of said first or second receivers;
inserting a second end of a second one of said plurality of horizontally
extending siding strip in the other of said first or second receivers;
affixing the first and second siding strips to the wall.~~

~~18. The method according to claim 17, wherein each receiver includes a
fastener receiving section for abutting with the wall, and the method further includes
affixing the component to the wall by placing at least one fastener through each
fastener receiving section.~~

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